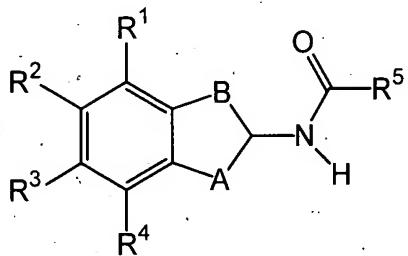


We claim:

1. An acylated indanyl amine according to the general formula (I) in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof



(I)

wherein

R^1 and R^4 are independently from each other selected from the group consisting of: H; unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted C_1-C_{10} -alkyl, C_2-C_{10} -alkenyl and C_2-C_{10} -alkynyl, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of F, OH, C_1-C_8 -alkoxy, (C_1-C_8 -alkyl)mercapto, CN, $COOR^6$, $CONR^7R^8$, and unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted phenyl and heteroaryl, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C_1-C_3 -alkyl, C_1-C_3 -alkoxy and CF_3 ; unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted phenyl and heteroaryl, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C_1-C_3 -alkyl, C_1-C_3 -alkoxy and CF_3 ; R^9CO ; $CONR^{10}R^{11}$; $COOR^{12}$; CF_3 ; halogens; pseudohalogens; $NR^{13}R^{14}$; OR^{15} ; $S(O)_mR^{16}$; $SO_2NR^{17}R^{18}$; and NO_2 ;

R^2 and R^3 are independently from each other selected from the group consisting of: H; halogens; pseudohalogens; unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted C_1-C_{10} -alkyl the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of OH, phenyl, and heteroaryl; OH; C_1-C_{10} -alkoxy;

phenoxy; $S(O)_mR^{19}$; CF_3 ; CN ; NO_2 ; (C_1-C_{10} -alkyl)amino; di(C_1-C_{10} -alkyl)amino; (C_1-C_6 -alkyl)- $CONH-$; unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted phenyl- $CONH-$ and phenyl- SO_2-O- , the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, CH_3 and methoxy; (C_1-C_6 -alkyl) SO_2-O- ; unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted (C_1-C_6 -alkyl) CO , the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of F , di(C_1-C_3 -alkyl)amino, pyrrolidinyl and piperidinyl; and phenyl- CO , the phenyl part of which can be substituted by one or more substituents from the group consisting of C_1-C_3 -alkyl, halogens and methoxy;

A is selected from the group consisting of CH_2 , $CHOH$ and $CH-(C_1-C_3$ -alkyl);

B is selected from the group consisting of CH_2 and $CH-(C_1-C_3$ -alkyl);

R^5 is a group Ar or a group Hetar both of which can be unsubstituted or carry one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of: halogens; pseudohalogens; NH_2 ; unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted C_1-C_{10} -alkyl, C_2-C_{10} -alkenyl, C_2-C_{10} -alkynyl, C_1-C_{10} -alkoxy, (C_1-C_{10} -alkyl)amino, and di(C_1-C_{10} -alkyl)amino, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of F , OH , C_1-C_8 -alkoxy, aryloxy, (C_1-C_8 -alkyl)mercapto, NH_2 , (C_1-C_8 -alkyl)amino, and di(C_1-C_8 -alkyl)amino; C_3-C_5 -alkandiyl; phenyl; heteroaryl; aryl- or heteroaryl-substituted C_1-C_4 -alkyl; CF_3 ; NO_2 ; OH ; phenoxy; benzyloxy; (C_1-C_{10} -alkyl) COO ; $S(O)_mR^{20}$; SH ; phenylamino; benzylamino; (C_1-C_{10} -alkyl)- $CONH-$; (C_1-C_{10} -alkyl)- $CON(C_1-C_4$ -alkyl)-; phenyl- $CONH-$; phenyl- $CON(C_1-C_4$ -alkyl)-; heteroaryl- $CONH-$; heteroaryl- $CON(C_1-C_4$ -alkyl)-; (C_1-C_{10} -alkyl)- CO ; phenyl- CO ; heteroaryl- CO ; CF_3-CO ; $-OCH_2O-$; $-OCF_2O-$; $-OCH_2CH_2O-$; $-CH_2CH_2O-$; $COOR^{21}$; $CONR^{22}R^{23}$; $CNH(NH_2)$; $SO_2NR^{24}R^{25}$; $R^{26}SO_2NH-$; $R^{27}SO_2N(C_1-C_6$ -alkyl)-; and saturated and at least monounsaturated aliphatic, mononuclear 5- to 7-membered heterocycles containing 1 to 3

heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S, which heterocycles can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogens, C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, OH, oxo and CF₃, and wherein said heterocycles can optionally be condensed to the said group Ar or the said group Hetar; and wherein all aryl, heteroaryl, phenyl, aryl-containing, heteroaryl-containing and phenyl-containing groups, which are optionally present in the said substituents of the said group Ar or the said group Hetar, can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C₁-C₃-alkyl, OH, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, and CF₃;

R⁶ is selected from the group consisting of: H; C₁-C₁₀-alkyl, which can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of F, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, and di(C₁-C₈-alkyl)amino; aryl-(C₁-C₄-alkyl) and heteroaryl-(C₁-C₄-alkyl), which can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogens, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, and di(C₁-C₆-alkyl)amino;

R⁷ is selected from the group consisting of: H; C₁-C₁₀-alkyl which can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of F, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, di(C₁-C₈-alkyl)amino and phenyl; phenyl; indanyl; and heteroaryl; and wherein each of the aforementioned aromatic groups can be unsubstituted or carry one or more substituents from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy and CF₃;

R⁸ is H or C₁-C₁₀-alkyl;

R⁹ is selected from the group consisting of: C₁-C₁₀-alkyl which can be unsubstituted or carry one or more substituents from the group consisting of: F, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, di(C₁-C₃-alkyl)amino; and

unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted phenyl and heteroaryl, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, halogens, pseudohalogens, and CF₃;

R¹⁰ independently has the same meaning as R⁷;

R¹¹ independently has the same meaning as R⁸;

R¹² independently has the same meaning as R⁶;

R¹³ is selected from the group consisting of: H; C₁-C₆-alkyl; unsubstituted and substituted phenyl, benzyl, heteroaryl, (C₁-C₆-alkyl)-CO, phenyl-CO, and heteroaryl-CO; the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, and CF₃, and wherein one or more of these substituents can be present;

R¹⁴ independently has the same meaning as R¹³;

R¹⁵ is selected from the group consisting of: H; C₁-C₁₀-alkyl; (C₁-C₃-alkoxy)-C₁-C₃-alkyl; and substituted and unsubstituted benzyl, phenyl and heteroaryl, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, and CF₃, and wherein one or more of these substituents can be present;

R¹⁶ is selected from the group consisting of: C₁-C₁₀-alkyl which can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of F, OH, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, aryloxy, (C₁-C₈-alkyl)mercapto, (C₁-C₈-alkyl)amino and di(C₁-C₈-alkyl)amino; CF₃; and substituted and unsubstituted phenyl and heteroaryl, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy and CF₃, and wherein one or more of these substituents can be present;

R¹⁷ independently has the same meaning as R⁷;

R¹⁸ independently has the same meaning as R⁸;

R¹⁹ independently has the same meaning as R¹⁶;

R²⁰ independently has the same meaning as R¹⁶;

R²¹ independently has the same meaning as R⁶;

R²² independently has the same meaning as R⁷;

R²³ independently has the same meaning as R⁸;

R²⁴ independently has the same meaning as R⁷;

R²⁵ independently has the same meaning as R⁸;

R²⁶ independently has the same meaning as R¹⁶;

R²⁷ independently has the same meaning as R¹⁶;

heteraryl is a 5 to 10-membered, aromatic, mono- or bicyclic heterocycle containing one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S;

the group Hetar is a 5 to 10-membered, aromatic, mono- or bicyclic heterocycle containing one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S;

aryl is phenyl, naphth-1-yl or naphth-2-yl;

the group Ar is phenyl, naphth-1-yl or naphth-2-yl;

m is 0, 1 or 2;

with the proviso that, in case R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are all H, R⁵ is not unsubstituted phenyl, unsubstituted pyridyl, phenyl monosubstituted with halogen, 5-chloro-2-ethoxyphenyl, 5-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl, 5-bromo-2-methoxyphenyl, or quinoxalin-2-yl; in case R⁵ is phenyl, A is not

CHOH, R¹ is not methoxy or methyl, R² is not methyl or B is not CH-CH₃; and in case R² is NO₂, R⁵ is not 3-chlorophenyl.

2. An acylated indanyl amine in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein in the formula (I)

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of: H; C₁-C₄-alkyl; C₁-C₄-alkoxy; CF₃; halogens; pseudohalogens; (C₁-C₄-alkyl)-S(O)_m; and unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted phenyl and heteroaryl, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy and CF₃, and wherein heteroaryl is selected from the group consisting of 5- and 6-membered heterocycles containing one or more heteroatoms from the group consisting of N, O, and S;

R² and R³ are independently from each other selected from the group consisting of: H; halogens; pseudohalogens; and C₁-C₃-alkyl;

R⁴ independently has the same meaning as R¹;

A is selected from the group consisting of CH₂ and CHOH;

B is selected from the group consisting of CH₂ and CH-CH₃;

R⁵ is a group Ar or a group Hetar both of which can be unsubstituted or carry one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of: halogens; CN; NH₂; unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₂-C₈-alkenyl, C₂-C₈-alkynyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, (C₁-C₈-alkyl)amino, and di(C₁-C₈-alkyl)amino, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of F, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, phenoxy, (C₁-C₆-alkyl)mercapto, NH₂, (C₁-C₆-alkyl)amino, and di(C₁-C₆-alkyl)amino; C₃-

C₅-alkandiy; phenyl; heteroaryl; phenyl- or heteroaryl-substituted C₁-C₂-alkyl; CF₃; OH; phenoxy; benzyloxy; (C₁-C₆-alkyl)COO; S(O)_m(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; S(O)_m-phenyl; S(O)_m-heteroaryl; SH; phenylamino; benzylamino; (C₁-C₆-alkyl)-CONH₂; (C₁-C₆-alkyl)-CON(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-; phenyl-CONH₂; phenyl-CON(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-; heteroaryl-CONH₂; heteroaryl-CON(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-; (C₁-C₆-alkyl)-CO; phenyl-CO; heteroaryl-CO; CF₃-CO; -OCH₂O-; -OCF₂O-; -OCH₂CH₂O-; -CH₂CH₂O-; COO(C₁-C₆-alkyl); -CONH₂; -CONH(C₁-C₆-alkyl); -CON(di(C₁-C₆-alkyl)); CNH(NH₂); -SO₂NH₂; SO₂NH(C₁-C₆-alkyl); -SO₂NH(phenyl); -SO₂N(di(C₁-C₆-alkyl)); (C₁-C₆-alkyl)SO₂NH₂; (C₁-C₆-alkyl)SO₂N(C₁-C₆-alkyl); phenyl-SO₂NH₂; phenyl-SO₂N(C₁-C₆-alkyl)-; heteroaryl-SO₂NH₂-; heteroaryl-SO₂N(C₁-C₆-alkyl)-; and saturated and at least monounsaturated aliphatic, mononuclear 5- to 7-membered heterocycles containing 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S, which heterocycles can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogens, C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, OH, oxo and CF₃, and wherein said heterocycles can optionally be condensed to the said group Ar or the said group Hetar; and wherein all heteroaryl, phenyl, heteroaryl-containing and phenyl-containing groups, which are optionally present in the said substituents of the said group Ar or the said group Hetar, can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C₁-C₃-alkyl, OH, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, and CF₃;

heteroaryl is a 5 to 10-membered, aromatic, mono- or bicyclic heterocycle containing one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S;

the group Hetar is a 5 to 10-membered, aromatic, mono- or bicyclic heterocycle containing one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S;

the group Ar is phenyl, naphth-1-yl or naphth-2-yl; and

m is 0 or 2.

3. An acylated indanyl amine in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein in the formula

(I)

R¹ is H, halogen or C₁-C₄-alkyl;

R² and R³ are each H;

R⁴ independently has the same meaning as R¹;

A is CH₂;

R⁵ is phenyl or a group Hetar both of which can be unsubstituted or carry one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of: halogens; CN; NH₂; unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₆-alkynyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, and di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of F, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, (C₁-C₃-alkyl)mercapto, and NH₂; C₃-C₅-alkandiyl; phenyl; heteroaryl; phenyl- or heteroaryl-substituted C₁-C₂-alkyl; CF₃; OH; (C₁-C₄-alkyl)COO; S(O)_m (C₁-C₄)-alkyl; (C₁-C₄-alkyl)-CONH-; (C₁-C₄-alkyl)-CON(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-; (C₁-C₄-alkyl)-CO; phenyl-CO; heteroaryl-CO; CF₃-CO; -OCH₂O-; -OCF₂O-; -OCH₂CH₂O-; -CH₂CH₂O-; COO(C₁-C₆-alkyl); -CONH₂; -CONH(C₁-C₄-alkyl); -CON(di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)); CNH(NH₂); -SO₂NH₂; -SO₂NH(C₁-C₄-alkyl); -SO₂NH(phenyl); -SO₂N(di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)); (C₁-C₄-alkyl)SO₂NH-; (C₁-C₄-alkyl)SO₂N(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-; and saturated and at least monounsaturated aliphatic, mononuclear 5- to 7-membered heterocycles containing 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S, which heterocycles can be

substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogens, C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, OH, oxo and CF₃, and wherein said heterocycles can optionally be condensed to the said phenyl or the said group Hetar; and wherein all heteroaryl, phenyl, heteroaryl-containing and phenyl-containing groups, which are optionally present in the said substituents of the said phenyl or the said group Hetar, can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C₁-C₃-alkyl, OH, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, and CF₃; heteroaryl is a 5 to 10-membered, aromatic, mono- or bicyclic heterocycle containing one, two or three heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S; the group Hetar is a 5 to 10-membered, aromatic, mono- or bicyclic heterocycle containing one, two or three heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S;

m is 0 or 2.

4. An acylated indanyl amine in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein in the formula
(I)

R¹ is H, halogen or C₁-C₄-alkyl;

R² and R³ are each H;

R⁴ independently has the same meaning as R¹;

A and B are each CH₂;

R⁵ is phenyl or a group Hetar both of which can be unsubstituted or carry one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of: F; Cl; Br; C₁-C₃-alkyl; C₁-C₃-alkoxymethyl; 2-amino-3,3,3-trifluoro-propyl-; CF₃; C₃-C₅-alkandiyil; phenyl; heteroaryl; benzyl; heteroaryl-methyl;

OH; C₁-C₃-alkoxy; phenoxy; trifluoromethoxy; 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy; (C₁-C₄-alkyl)COO; (C₁-C₃-alkyl)mercapto; phenylmercapto; (C₁-C₃-alkyl)sulfonyl; phenylsulfonyl; NH₂; (C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino; di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino; (C₁-C₃-alkyl)-CONH-; (C₁-C₃-alkyl)-SO₂NH-; (C₁-C₃-alkyl)-CO; phenyl-CO; -OCH₂O-; -OCF₂O-; -CH₂CH₂O-; COO(C₁-C₄-alkyl); -CONH₂; -CONH(C₁-C₄-alkyl); -CON(di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)); CN; -SO₂NH₂; -SO₂NH(C₁-C₄-alkyl); -SO₂N(di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)); pyrrolidinyl; piperidinyl; morpholinyl; and thiomorpholinyl; and wherein all heteroaryl, phenyl, heteroaryl-containing and phenyl-containing groups, which are optionally present in the said substituents of the said phenyl or the said group Hetar, can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C₁-C₃-alkyl, OH, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, and CF₃;

heteroaryl is selected from the group consisting of: furyl, pyrrolyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, pyridazinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, benzoimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzoxazolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, quinoxaliny, quinazolyl, indolyl, benzofuranyl, benzodioxolyl, benzothiophenyl, and indazolyl;

the group Hetar is selected from the group consisting of: furyl, pyrrolyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, pyridazinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, benzoimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzoxazolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, quinoxaliny, quinazolyl, indolyl, benzofuranyl, benzodioxolyl, benzothiophenyl, and indazolyl.

5. An acylated indanyl amine in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein in the formula
(I)

R¹ is H, halogen or C₁-C₄-alkyl;

R², R³ and R⁴ are each H;

A and B are each CH₂;

R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of: 4-fluorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 4-bromophenyl, 4-(C₁-C₃-alkoxy)-phenyl, 4-trifluoromethoxyphenyl, 2-bromo-4-fluorophenyl, 2-chloro-4-fluorophenyl, 3,4-dimethylphenyl, 2,4-dimethylphenyl, 4-chloro-2-methylphenyl, 2-hydroxy-4-methylphenyl, 2-hydroxy-4-ethoxyphenyl, 2-methoxy-4-methylphenyl, 4-phenoxyphenyl, 3-fluoro-4-methylphenyl, benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl, 2,2-difluoro-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl, 2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-5-yl, 1-(4-chloro-phenyl)-5-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-yl, 1-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-yl, 1H-benzotriazole-5-yl, 1H-indole-4-yl, 1H-indole-6-yl, 1-isopropyl-2-trifluoromethyl-1H-benzoimidazole-5-yl, 1-methyl-3-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-quinoxaline-6-yl, 1-phenyl-5-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-yl, 2-(2-hydroxy-pyridin-4-yl)-1H-benzoimidazole-5-yl, 2-(4-cyano-phenyl)-1H-benzoimidazole-5-yl, 2,4-dimethyl-oxazole-5-yl, 2,4-dimethyl-pyrimidine-5-yl, 2,4-dimethyl-thiazole-5-yl, 2,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole-3-yl, 2,5-dimethyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrrole-3-yl, 2,5-dimethyl-1-pyridin-4-ylmethyl-1H-pyrrole-3-yl, 2,5-dimethyl-2H-pyrazole-3-yl, 2,6-dichloro-pyrid-3-yl, 2,6-dimethoxy-pyrid-3-yl, 2,6-dimethyl-pyrid-3-yl, 2-amino-4,6-dimethyl-pyrid-3-yl, 2-amino-6-chloro-pyrid-3-yl, 2-amino-pyrid-3-yl, 2-chloro-6-methyl-pyrid-3-yl, 2-chloro-pyrid-4-yl, 2-cyclopropyl-4-methyl-thiazole-5-yl, 2-dimethylamino-4-methyl-thiazole-5-yl, 2-dimethylamino-pyrid-4-yl, 2-ethyl-5-methyl-2H-pyrazole-3-yl, 2-hydroxy-6-methyl-pyrid-3-yl, 2-methyl-1H-benzoimidazole-5-yl, 2-methyl-3H-benzoimidazole-5-yl, 2-methyl-pyrid-3-yl, 2-methyl-6-trifluoromethyl-pyrid-3-yl, 2-methyl-thiazole-5-yl, 2-morpholin-4-yl-pyridin-4-yl, 2-morpholin-4-yl-pyrimidine-5-yl, 2-pyrrolidin-1-yl-pyridin-4-yl, 3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-yl, 3-amino-5,6-

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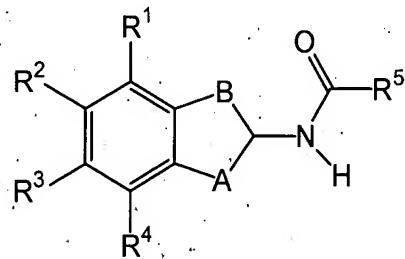
methyl-phenyl, 2-methyl-phenyl, 2-acetoxy-4-methyl-phenyl, 2-acetoxy-4-ethoxy-phenyl, 2-acetoxy-4-methoxy-phenyl, 4-trifluoromethylsulfanyl-phenyl, naphthalene-2-yl, 1,1-dimethyl-indan-4-yl, 3-isobutyryl-amino-phenyl, 3-(2,2-dimethylpropionylamino)-phenyl, 2-bromophenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 3-bromo-5-methyl-thiophene-2-yl, 3-chloro-6-fluoro-benzo[b]thiophene-2-yl and 3,4-dichloro-benzo[b]thiophene-2-yl.

6. An acylated indanyl amine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, selected from the group consisting of:

N-indan-2-yl-4-trifluoromethyl-benzamide, 5-bromo-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, 2-hydroxy-N-indan-2-yl-4-methyl-benzamide, 4-ethylsulfanyl-N-indan-2-yl-benzamide, 2,2-difluoro-benzo[1,3]dioxole-5-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, 2,5-dimethyl-1-pyridin-4-ylmethyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, 2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-5-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, acetic acid 2-(indan-2-ylcarbamoyl)-5-methyl-phenyl ester, 2-amino-N-indan-2-yl-benzamide, 2,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, 5-methyl-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, 3-chloro-4-methyl-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, 3-methyl-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, N-indan-2-yl-4-methylamino-benzamide, N-indan-2-yl-4-methylsulfanyl-benzamide, 3-chloro-4-(propane-2-sulfonyl)-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, 5-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, 5-acetyl-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, and 2-chloro-N-indan-2-yl-6-methyl-nicotinamide.

7. A method of stimulating the expression of endothelial NO-synthase in a mammal, which method comprises administering to said mammal a physiologically active amount of a

compound according to the general formula (I) in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof



(I)

wherein, in said formula (I),

R¹ and R⁴ are independently from each other selected from the group consisting of: H; unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted C₁-C₁₀-alkyl, C₂-C₁₀-alkenyl and C₂-C₁₀-alkynyl, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of F, OH, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, (C₁-C₈-alkyl)mercapto, CN, COOR⁶, CONR⁷R⁸, and unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted phenyl and heteroaryl, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy and CF₃; unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted phenyl and heteroaryl, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C₁-C₃-

alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy and CF₃; R⁹CO; CONR¹⁰R¹¹; COOR¹²; CF₃; halogens; pseudohalogens;

NR¹³R¹⁴; OR¹⁵; S(O)_mR¹⁶; SO₂NR¹⁷R¹⁸ and NO₂;

R² and R³ are independently from each other selected from the group consisting of:

H; halogens; pseudohalogens; unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted C₁-C₁₀-alkyl the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of OH, phenyl; and heteroaryl; OH; C₁-C₁₀-alkoxy; phenoxy; S(O)_mR¹⁹; CF₃; CN; NO₂; (C₁-C₁₀-alkyl)amino; di(C₁-C₁₀-alkyl)amino; (C₁-C₆-alkyl)-CONH-; unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted phenyl-CONH- and phenyl-SO₂-O-, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens; CH₃ and methoxy; (C₁-C₆-alkyl)SO₂-O-; unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted (C₁-C₆-alkyl)CO, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of F, di(C₁-C₃-alkyl)amino, pyrrolidinyl and piperidinyl; and phenyl-CO, the phenyl part of which can be substituted by one or more substituents from the group consisting of C₁-C₃-alkyl, halogens and methoxy;

A is selected from the group consisting of CH₂, CHO and CH-(C₁-C₃-alkyl);

B is selected from the group consisting of CH₂ and CH-(C₁-C₃-alkyl);

R⁵ is a group Ar or a group Hetar both of which can be unsubstituted or carry one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of: halogens; pseudohalogens; NH₂; unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted C₁-C₁₀-alkyl, C₂-C₁₀-alkenyl, C₂-C₁₀-alkynyl, C₁-C₁₀-alkoxy, (C₁-C₁₀-alkyl)amino, and di(C₁-C₁₀-alkyl)amino, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of F, OH, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, aryloxy, (C₁-C₈-alkyl)mercapto, NH₂, (C₁-C₈-alkyl)amino, and di(C₁-C₈-alkyl)amino; C₃-C₅-alkandiyil; phenyl; heteroaryl; aryl- or heteroaryl-substituted C₁-C₄-alkyl; CF₃; NO₂; OH; phenoxy; benzyloxy; (C₁-C₁₀-alkyl)COO; S(O)_mR²⁰; SH; phenylamino;

benzylamino; (C₁-C₁₀-alkyl)-CONH-; (C₁-C₁₀-alkyl)-CON(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-; phenyl-CONH-; phenyl-CON(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-; heteroaryl-CONH-; heteroaryl-CON(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-; (C₁-C₁₀-alkyl)-CO; phenyl-CO; heteroaryl-CO; CF₃-CO; -OCH₂O-; -OCF₂O-; -OCH₂CH₂O-; -CH₂CH₂O-; COOR²¹; CONR²²R²³; CNH(NH₂); SO₂NR²⁴R²⁵; R²⁶SO₂NH-; R²⁷SO₂N(C₁-C₆-alkyl)-; and saturated and at least monounsaturated aliphatic, mononuclear 5- to 7-membered heterocycles containing 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S, which heterocycles can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogens, C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, OH, oxo and CF₃, and wherein said heterocycles can optionally be condensed to the said group Ar or the said group Hetar; and wherein all aryl, heteroaryl, phenyl, aryl-containing, heteroaryl-containing and phenyl-containing groups, which are optionally present in the said substituents of the said group Ar or the said group Hetar, can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C₁-C₃-alkyl, OH, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, and CF₃;

R⁶ is selected from the group consisting of: H; C₁-C₁₀-alkyl, which can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of F, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, and di(C₁-C₈-alkyl)amino; aryl-(C₁-C₄-alkyl) and heteroaryl-(C₁-C₄-alkyl), which can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogens, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, and di(C₁-C₆-alkyl)amino;

R⁷ is selected from the group consisting of: H; C₁-C₁₀-alkyl which can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of F, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, di(C₁-C₈-alkyl)amino and phenyl; phenyl; indanyl; and heteroaryl; and wherein each of the aforementioned aromatic

groups can be unsubstituted or carry one or more substituents from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens,

C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy and CF₃;

R⁸ is H or C₁-C₁₀-alkyl;

R⁹ is selected from the group consisting of: C₁-C₁₀-alkyl which can be unsubstituted or carry one or more substituents from the group consisting of: F, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, di(C₁-C₃-alkyl)amino; and unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted phenyl and heteroaryl, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, halogens, pseudohalogens, and CF₃;

R¹⁰ independently has the same meaning as R⁷;

R¹¹ independently has the same meaning as R⁸;

R¹² independently has the same meaning as R⁶;

R¹³ is selected from the group consisting of: H; C₁-C₆-alkyl; unsubstituted and substituted phenyl, benzyl, heteroaryl, (C₁-C₆-alkyl)-CO, phenyl-CO, and heteroaryl-CO, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, and CF₃, and wherein one or more of these substituents can be present;

R¹⁴ independently has the same meaning as R¹³;

R¹⁵ is selected from the group consisting of: H; C₁-C₁₀-alkyl; (C₁-C₃-alkoxy)-C₁-C₃-alkyl; and substituted and unsubstituted benzyl, phenyl and heteroaryl, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, and CF₃; and wherein one or more of these substituents can be present;

R¹⁶ is selected from the group consisting of: C₁-C₁₀-alkyl which can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of F, OH, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, aryloxy, (C₁-C₈-alkyl)mercapto, (C₁-C₈-alkyl)amino and di(C₁-C₈-alkyl)amino; CF₃; and substituted and unsubstituted phenyl and heteroaryl, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy and CF₃, and wherein one or more of these substituents can be present;

R¹⁷ independently has the same meaning as R⁷;

R¹⁸ independently has the same meaning as R⁸;

R¹⁹ independently has the same meaning as R¹⁶;

R²⁰ independently has the same meaning as R¹⁶;

R²¹ independently has the same meaning as R⁶;

R²² independently has the same meaning as R⁷;

R²³ independently has the same meaning as R⁸;

R²⁴ independently has the same meaning as R⁷;

R²⁵ independently has the same meaning as R⁸;

R²⁶ independently has the same meaning as R¹⁶;

R²⁷ independently has the same meaning as R¹⁶;

heteroaryl is a 5 to 10-membered, aromatic, mono- or bicyclic heterocycle containing one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S;

the group Hetar is a 5 to 10-membered, aromatic, mono- or bicyclic heterocycle containing one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S;

aryl is phenyl, naphth-1-yl or naphth-2-yl;

the group Ar is phenyl, naphth-1-yl or naphth-2-yl; and

m is 0, 1 or 2.

8. The method according to claim 7, wherein in the formula (I)

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of H; C₁-C₄-alkyl; C₁-C₄-alkoxy; CF₃; halogens; pseudohalogens; (C₁-C₄-alkyl)-S(O)_m; and unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted phenyl and heteroaryl, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy and CF₃, and wherein heteroaryl is selected from the group consisting of 5- and 6-membered heterocycles containing one or more heteroatoms from the group consisting of N, O, and S;

R² and R³ are independently from each other selected from the group consisting of: H; halogens; pseudohalogens; and C₁-C₃-alkyl;

R⁴ independently has the same meaning as R¹;

A is selected from the group consisting of CH₂ and CHOH;

B is selected from the group consisting of CH₂ and CH-CH₃;

R⁵ is a group Ar or a group Hetar both of which can be unsubstituted or carry one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of: halogens; CN; NH₂; unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₂-C₈-alkenyl, C₂-C₈-alkynyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, (C₁-C₈-alkyl)amino, and di(C₁-C₈-alkyl)amino, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of F, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, phenoxy, (C₁-C₆-alkyl)mercapto, NH₂, (C₁-C₆-alkyl)amino, and di(C₁-C₆-alkyl)amino; C₃-C₅-alkandiyl; phenyl; heteroaryl; phenyl- or heteroaryl-substituted C₁-C₂-alkyl; CF₃; OH; phenoxy;

benzyloxy; $(C_1\text{-}C_6\text{-alkyl})COO$; $S(O)_m(C_1\text{-}C_6\text{-alkyl})$; $S(O)_m\text{-phenyl}$; $S(O)_m\text{-heteroaryl}$; SH ; phenylamino; benzylamino; $(C_1\text{-}C_6\text{-alkyl})\text{-CONH-}$; $(C_1\text{-}C_6\text{-alkyl})\text{-CON}(C_1\text{-}C_4\text{-alkyl})\text{-}$; phenyl- CONH- ; phenyl- $\text{CON}(C_1\text{-}C_4\text{-alkyl})\text{-}$; heteroaryl- CONH- ; heteroaryl- $\text{CON}(C_1\text{-}C_4\text{-alkyl})\text{-}$; $(C_1\text{-}C_6\text{-alkyl})\text{-CO}$; phenyl-CO; heteroaryl-CO; $CF_3\text{-CO}$; $-OCH_2O-$; $-OCF_2O-$; $-OCH_2CH_2O-$; $-CH_2CH_2O-$; $COO(C_1\text{-}C_6\text{-alkyl})$; $-CONH_2$; $-CONH(C_1\text{-}C_6\text{-alkyl})$; $-CON(\text{di}(C_1\text{-}C_6\text{-alkyl}))$; $CNH(NH_2)$; $-SO_2NH_2$; $-SO_2NH(C_1\text{-}C_6\text{-alkyl})$; $-SO_2NH(\text{phenyl})$; $-SO_2N(\text{di}(C_1\text{-}C_6\text{-alkyl}))$; $(C_1\text{-}C_6\text{-alkyl})SO_2NH-$; $(C_1\text{-}C_6\text{-alkyl})SO_2N(C_1\text{-}C_6\text{-alkyl})$; phenyl- SO_2NH- ; phenyl- $SO_2N(C_1\text{-}C_6\text{-alkyl})$; heteroaryl- SO_2NH- ; heteroaryl- $SO_2N(C_1\text{-}C_6\text{-alkyl})$; and saturated and at least monounsaturated aliphatic, mono-nuclear 5- to 7-membered heterocycles containing 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S, which heterocycles can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogens, $C_1\text{-}C_3\text{-alkyl}$, $C_1\text{-}C_3\text{-alkoxy}$, OH, oxo and CF_3 , and wherein said heterocycles can optionally be condensed to the said group Ar or the said group Hetar; and wherein all heteroaryl, phenyl, heteroaryl-containing and phenyl-containing groups, which are optionally present in the said substituents of the said group Ar or the said group Hetar, can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, $C_1\text{-}C_3\text{-alkyl}$, OH, $C_1\text{-}C_3\text{-alkoxy}$, and CF_3 ;

heteroaryl is a 5 to 10-membered, aromatic, mono- or bicyclic heterocycle containing one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S;

the group Hetar is a 5 to 10-membered, aromatic, mono- or bicyclic heterocycle containing one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S;

the group Ar is phenyl, naphth-1-yl or naphth-2-yl; and

m is 0 or 2.

9. The method according to claim 7, wherein in the formula (I)

R¹ is H, halogen or C₁-C₄-alkyl;

R² and R³ are each H;

R⁴ independently has the same meaning as R¹;

A is CH₂;

R⁵ is phenyl or a group Hetar both of which can be unsubstituted or carry one or more

substituents selected from the group consisting of: halogens; CN; NH₂; unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₆-alkynyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, and di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of F, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, (C₁-C₃-alkyl)mercapto, and NH₂; C₃-C₅-alkandiyl; phenyl; heteroaryl; phenyl- or heteroaryl-substituted C₁-C₂-alkyl; CF₃; OH; (C₁-C₄-alkyl)COO; S(O)_m(C₁-C₄)-alkyl; (C₁-C₄-alkyl)-CONH-; (C₁-C₄-alkyl)-CON(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-; (C₁-C₄-alkyl)-CO; phenyl-CO; heteroaryl-CO; CF₃-CO; -OCH₂O-; -OCF₂O-; -OCH₂CH₂O-; -CH₂CH₂O-; COO(C₁-C₆-alkyl); -CONH₂; -CONH(C₁-C₄-alkyl); -CON(di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)); CNH(NH₂); -SO₂NH₂; -SO₂NH(C₁-C₄-alkyl); -SO₂N(phenyl); -SO₂N(di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)); (C₁-C₄-alkyl)SO₂NH-; (C₁-C₄-alkyl)SO₂N(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-; and saturated and at least monounsaturated aliphatic, mononuclear 5- to 7-membered heterocycles containing 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S, which heterocycles can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogens, C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, OH, oxo and CF₃, and wherein said heterocycles can optionally be condensed to the said phenyl or the said group Hetar; and wherein all heteroaryl, phenyl, heteroaryl-containing and

phenyl-containing groups, which are optionally present in the said substituents of the said phenyl or the said group Hetar, can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C₁-C₃-alkyl, OH, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, and CF₃;

heteroaryl is a 5 to 10-membered, aromatic, mono- or bicyclic heterocycle containing one, two or three heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S;

the group Hetar is a 5 to 10-membered, aromatic, mono- or bicyclic heterocycle containing one, two or three heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S; and

m is 0 or 2.

10. The method according to claim 7, wherein in the formula (I)

R¹ is H, halogen or C₁-C₄-alkyl;

R² and R³ are each H;

R⁴ independently has the same meaning as R¹;

A and B are each CH₂;

R⁵ is phenyl or a group Hetar both of which can be unsubstituted or carry one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of: F; Cl; Br; C₁-C₃-alkyl; C₁-C₃-alkoxymethyl; 2-amino-3,3,3-trifluoro-propyl-; CF₃; C₃-C₅-alkandiyl; phenyl; heteroaryl; benzyl; heteroaryl-methyl; OH; C₁-C₃-alkoxy; phenoxy; trifluoromethoxy; 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy; (C₁-C₄-alkyl)COO; (C₁-C₃-alkyl)mercapto; phenylmercapto; (C₁-C₃-alkyl)sulfonyl; phenylsulfonyl; NH₂; (C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino; di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino; (C₁-C₃-alkyl)-CONH-; (C₁-C₃-alkyl)-SO₂NH-; (C₁-C₃-alkyl)-CO; phenyl-CO; -OCH₂O-; -OCF₂O-; -CH₂CH₂O-; COO(C₁-C₄-alkyl); -CONH₂; -CONH(C₁-C₄-alkyl); -CON(di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)); CN; -SO₂NH₂; -SO₂NH(C₁-C₄-alkyl); -SO₂N(di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)); pyrrolidinyl; piperidinyl;

morpholinyl; and thiomorpholinyl; and wherein all heteroaryl, phenyl, heteroaryl-containing and phenyl-containing groups, which are optionally present in the said substituents of the said phenyl or the said group Hetar, can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C₁-C₃-alkyl, OH, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, and CF₃;

heteroaryl is selected from the group consisting of: furyl, pyrrolyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, pyridazinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, benzoimidazolyl, benzthiazolyl, benzoxazolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, quinoxaliny, quinazolyl, indolyl, benzofuranyl, benzodioxolyl, benzothiophenyl, and indazolyl;

the group Hetar is selected from the group consisting of: furyl, pyrrolyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, pyridazinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, benzoimidazolyl, benzthiazolyl, benzoxazolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, quinoxaliny, quinazolyl, indolyl, benzofuranyl, benzodioxolyl, benzothiophenyl, and indazolyl.

11. The method according to claim 7, wherein in the formula (I)

R¹ is H, halogen or C₁-C₄-alkyl;

R² and R³ are each H;

A and B are each CH₂;

R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of: 4-fluorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 4-bromophenyl, 4-(C₁-C₃-alkoxy)-phenyl, 4-trifluoromethoxyphenyl, 2-bromo-4-fluorophenyl, 2-chloro-4-fluorophenyl, 3,4-dimethylphenyl, 2,4-dimethylphenyl, 4-chloro-2-methylphenyl, 2-hydroxy-4-methylphenyl, 2-hydroxy-4-ethoxyphenyl, 2-methoxy-4-methylphenyl, 4-phenoxyphenyl, 3-fluoro-4-methylphenyl, benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl, 2,2-difluoro-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl, 2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-

5-yl, 1-(4-chloro-phenyl)-5-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-yl, 1-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-yl, 1H-benzotriazole-5-yl, 1H-indole-4-yl, 1H-indole-6-yl, 1-isopropyl-2-trifluoromethyl-1H-benzoimidazole-5-yl, 1-methyl-3-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-quinoxaline-6-yl, 1-phenyl-5-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-yl, 2-(2-hydroxy-pyridin-4-yl)-1H-benzoimidazole-5-yl, 2-(4-cyano-phenyl)-1H-benzoimidazole-5-yl, 2,4-dimethyl-oxazole-5-yl, 2,4-dimethyl-pyrimidine-5-yl, 2,4-dimethyl-thiazole-5-yl, 2,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole-3-yl, 2,5-dimethyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrrole-3-yl, 2,5-dimethyl-1-pyridin-4-ylmethyl-1H-pyrrole-3-yl, 2,5-dimethyl-2H-pyrazole-3-yl, 2,6-dichloro-pyrid-3-yl, 2,6-dimethoxy-pyrid-3-yl, 2,6-dimethyl-pyrid-3-yl, 2-amino-4,6-dimethyl-pyrid-3-yl, 2-amino-6-chloro-pyrid-3-yl, 2-amino-pyrid-3-yl, 2-chloro-6-methyl-pyrid-3-yl, 2-chloro-pyrid-4-yl, 2-cyclopropyl-4-methyl-thiazole-5-yl, 2-dimethylamino-4-methyl-thiazole-5-yl, 2-dimethylamino-pyrid-4-yl, 2-ethyl-5-methyl-2H-pyrazole-3-yl, 2-hydroxy-6-methyl-pyrid-3-yl, 2-methyl-1H-benzoimidazole-5-yl, 2-methyl-3H-benzoimidazole-5-yl, 2-methyl-pyrid-3-yl, 2-methyl-6-trifluoromethyl-pyrid-3-yl, 2-methyl-thiazole-5-yl, 2-morpholin-4-yl-pyridin-4-yl, 2-morpholin-4-yl-pyrimidine-5-yl, 2-pyrrolidin-1-yl-pyridin-4-yl, 3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-yl, 3-amino-5,6-dimethyl-pyrazine-2-yl, 3-amino-5-methyl-pyrazine-2-yl, 3-amino-pyrazine-2-yl, 3-dimethylamino-4-methyl-phenyl, 3-dimethylamino-phenyl, 3H-benzoimidazole-5-yl, 1H-benzoimidazole-5-yl, 3-methanesulfonylamino-2-methyl-phenyl, 3-methanesulfonylamino-phenyl, 3-methyl-isoxazole-4-yl, 3-morpholin-4-yl-phenyl, 3-piperidin-1-yl-phenyl, 3-pyrrolidin-1-yl-phenyl, 4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)-phenyl, 4,6-dimethyl-pyrid-3-yl, 4-amino-2-ethylsulfanyl-pyrimidine-5-yl, 4-amino-2-methyl-pyrimidine-5-yl, 4-chloro-3-methanesulfonylamino-phenyl, 4-chloro-3-sulfamoyl-phenyl, 4-methyl-3-methylamino-phenyl, 4-methyl-thiazole-5-yl, pyridine-2-yl, 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-quinoline-

3-yl, 5-amino-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4-yl, 5-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenyl, 5-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4-yl, 5-methyl-isoxazole-3-yl, 5-methyl-pyrid-3-yl, 5-methyl-pyrazine-2-yl, 6-chloropyrid-3-yl, 6-cyano-pyrid-3-yl, 6-dimethylamino-pyrid-3-yl, 6-ethynyl-pyrid-3-yl, 6-methoxymethyl-pyrid-3-yl, 6-methoxy-pyrid-3-yl, 6-methyl-2-methylamino-pyrid-3-yl, 6-methylamino-pyrazine-2-yl, 6-methyl-pyrid-3-yl, 6-morpholin-4-yl-pyrid-3-yl, 6-pyrrolidin-1-yl-pyrid-3-yl, imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-2-yl, 6-trifluoromethyl-pyrid-3-yl, pyrimidine-4-yl, 4-methylsulfanylphenyl, 4-ethylsulfanylphenyl, 3-methoxycarbonylphenyl, 4-methoxycarbonylphenyl, 3-ethoxycarbonylphenyl, 4-ethoxycarbonylphenyl, 2-bromo-4-chlorophenyl, 2,3-dichlorophenyl, 3-chloro-4-(propane-2-sulfonyl)-thiophene-2-yl, 4-bromo-2-chlorophenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 4-ethoxyphenyl, 3-methoxyphenyl, 3-ethoxyphenyl, 2-methyl-thiophene-3-yl, 3-chloro-4-methyl-thiophene-2-yl, 5-bromo-thiophene-2-yl, 5-chloro-thiophene-2-yl, 5-methyl-thiophene-2-yl, 4-methyl-thiophene-2-yl, 3-methyl-thiophene-2-yl, 5-acetyl-thiophene-2-yl, pyridine-3-yl, pyridine-4-yl, 4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl, 4-ethylaminophenyl, 4-methylaminophenyl, 2-aminophenyl, 4-bromo-2-fluoro-phenyl, 2-chloro-phenyl, 3-chloro-4-methyl-phenyl, 4-chloro-3-methyl-phenyl, 2-chloro-3-methyl-phenyl, 2-methyl-phenyl, 2-acetoxy-4-methyl-phenyl, 2-acetoxy-4-ethoxy-phenyl, 2-acetoxy-4-methoxy-phenyl, 4-trifluoromethylsulfanyl-phenyl, naphthalene-2-yl, 1,1-dimethyl-indan-4-yl, 3-isobutyrylamino-phenyl, 3-(2,2-dimethylpropionylamino)-phenyl, 2-bromophenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 3-bromo-5-methyl-thiophene-2-yl, 3-chloro-6-fluoro-benzo[b]thiophene-2-yl and 3,4-dichloro-benzo[b]thiophene-2-yl.

12. The method according to claim 7, wherein the compound according to formula (I) is selected from the group consisting of:

N-indan-2-yl-4-trifluoromethyl-benzamide, 5-bromo-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, 2-hydroxy-N-indan-2-yl-4-methyl-benzamide, 4-ethylsulfanyl-N-indan-2-yl-benzamide, 2,2-difluoro-benzo[1,3]dioxole-5-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, 2,5-dimethyl-1-pyridin-4-ylmethyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, 2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-5-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, acetic acid 2-(indan-2-ylcarbamoyl)-5-methyl-phenyl ester, 2-amino-N-indan-2-yl-benzamide, 2,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, 5-methyl-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, 3-chloro-4-methyl-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, 3-methyl-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, N-indan-2-yl-4-methylamino-benzamide, N-indan-2-yl-4-methylsulfanyl-benzamide, 3-chloro-4-(propane-2-sulfonyl)-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, 5-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, 5-acetyl-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, and 2-chloro-N-indan-2-yl-6-methyl-nicotinamide.

13. The method according to claim 7, wherein the mammal is a human.
14. The method of treating in a mammal a disease from the group consisting of cardiovascular diseases, stable or unstable angina pectoris, coronary heart disease, Prinzmetal angina, acute coronary syndrome, heart failure, myocardial infarction, stroke, thrombosis, peripheral artery occlusive disease, endothelial dysfunction, atherosclerosis, restenosis, endothelial damage after PTCA, hypertension, essential hypertension, pulmonary hypertension, secondary hypertension, renovascular hypertension, chronic glomerulonephritis, erectile dysfunction, ventricular arrhythmia, diabetes, diabetes complications, nephropathy, retinopathy, angiogenesis, asthma bronchiale, chronic renal failure, cirrhosis of the liver, osteoporosis, restricted memory performance or a restricted

ability to learn, or the lowering of cardiovascular risk of postmenopausal women or after intake of contraceptives, which method comprises administering to said mammal a physiologically active amount of a compound according to the general formula (I) as defined in claim 7, in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

15. The method of treating in a mammal a disease from the group consisting of cardiovascular diseases, stable or unstable angina pectoris, coronary heart disease, Prinzmetal angina, acute coronary syndrome, heart failure, myocardial infarction, stroke, thrombosis, peripheral artery occlusive disease, endothelial dysfunction, atherosclerosis, restenosis, endothelial damage after PTCA, hypertension, essential hypertension, pulmonary hypertension, secondary hypertension, renovascular hypertension, chronic glomerulonephritis, erectile dysfunction, ventricular arrhythmia, diabetes, diabetes complications, nephropathy, retinopathy, angiogenesis, asthma bronchiale, chronic renal failure, cirrhosis of the liver, osteoporosis, restricted memory performance or a restricted ability to learn, or the lowering of cardiovascular risk of postmenopausal women or after intake of contraceptives, which method comprises administering to said mammal a physiologically active amount of a compound according to the general formula (I) as defined in claim 8, in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

16. The method of treating in a mammal a disease from the group consisting of cardiovascular diseases, stable or unstable angina pectoris, coronary heart disease, Prinzmetal angina, acute coronary syndrome, heart failure, myocardial infarction, stroke, thrombosis, peripheral artery occlusive disease, endothelial dysfunction, atherosclerosis, restenosis, endothelial damage after PTCA, hypertension, essential hypertension, pulmonary hypertension, secondary hypertension,

renovascular hypertension, chronic glomerulonephritis, erectile dysfunction, ventricular arrhythmia, diabetes, diabetes complications, nephropathy, retinopathy, angiogenesis, asthma bronchiale, chronic renal failure, cirrhosis of the liver, osteoporosis, restricted memory performance or a restricted ability to learn, or the lowering of cardiovascular risk of postmenopausal women or after intake of contraceptives, which method comprises administering to said mammal a physiologically active amount of a compound according to the general formula (I) as defined in claim 9, in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

17. The method of treating in a mammal a disease from the group consisting of cardiovascular diseases, stable or unstable angina pectoris, coronary heart disease, Prinzmetal angina, acute coronary syndrome, heart failure, myocardial infarction, stroke, thrombosis, peripheral artery occlusive disease, endothelial dysfunction, atherosclerosis, restenosis, endothelial damage after PTCA, hypertension, essential hypertension, pulmonary hypertension, secondary hypertension, renovascular hypertension, chronic glomerulonephritis, erectile dysfunction, ventricular arrhythmia, diabetes, diabetes complications, nephropathy, retinopathy, angiogenesis, asthma bronchiale, chronic renal failure, cirrhosis of the liver, osteoporosis, restricted memory performance or a restricted ability to learn, or the lowering of cardiovascular risk of postmenopausal women or after intake of contraceptives, which method comprises administering to said mammal a physiologically active amount of a compound according to the general formula (I) as defined in claim 10, in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

18. The method of treating in a mammal a disease from the group consisting of cardiovascular diseases, stable or unstable angina pectoris, coronary heart disease, Prinzmetal

angina, acute coronary syndrome, heart failure, myocardial infarction, stroke, thrombosis, peripheral artery occlusive disease, endothelial dysfunction, atherosclerosis, restenosis, endothelial damage after PTCA, hypertension, essential hypertension, pulmonary hypertension, secondary hypertension, renovascular hypertension, chronic glomerulonephritis, erectile dysfunction, ventricular arrhythmia, diabetes, diabetes complications, nephropathy, retinopathy, angiogenesis, asthma bronchiale, chronic renal failure, cirrhosis of the liver, osteoporosis, restricted memory performance or a restricted ability to learn, or the lowering of cardiovascular risk of postmenopausal women or after intake of contraceptives, which method comprises administering to said mammal a physiologically active amount of a compound according to the general formula (I) as defined in claim 11, in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

19. The method of treating in a mammal a disease from the group consisting of cardiovascular diseases, stable or unstable angina pectoris, coronary heart disease, Prinzmetal angina, acute coronary syndrome, heart failure, myocardial infarction, stroke, thrombosis, peripheral artery occlusive disease, endothelial dysfunction, atherosclerosis, restenosis, endothelial damage after PTCA, hypertension, essential hypertension, pulmonary hypertension, secondary hypertension, renovascular hypertension, chronic glomerulonephritis, erectile dysfunction, ventricular arrhythmia, diabetes, diabetes complications, nephropathy, retinopathy, angiogenesis, asthma bronchiale, chronic renal failure, cirrhosis of the liver, osteoporosis, restricted memory performance or a restricted ability to learn, or the lowering of cardiovascular risk of postmenopausal women or after intake of contraceptives, which method comprises administering to said mammal a physiologically active

amount of a compound according to the general formula (I) as defined in claim 12, in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20. The method according to any one of claims 14-19, wherein the mammal is a human.
21. A pharmaceutical preparation comprising an effective dose of at least one compound of the formula (I) as defined in claim 1 in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio and/or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
22. A pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 21, which pharmaceutical preparation is in the form of a pill, tablet, lacquered tablet, sugar-coated tablet, granule, hard or soft gelatin capsule, aqueous, alcoholic or oily solution, syrup, emulsion or suspension, suppository, solution for injection or infusion, ointment, tincture, spray, transdermal therapeutic systems, nasal spray, aerosol mixture, microcapsule, implant or rod.
23. A method for the synthesis of a compound according to claim 1, which method comprises the coupling reaction of the respective indanyl amine with an appropriate acid or acid chloride in the presence of an appropriate base and/or an appropriate coupling agent, optionally followed by a functionalization of the thus-obtained compound.